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Notice is hereby given that the partnership formerly existing between the undersigned, A. W. Jones and A. J. Weaver Bridgeman, under the firm name of "A. W. Jones & Bridgeman," has been dissolved.

Victoria, B. C., April 10, 1899.

A. W. JONES,

A. J. WEAVER BRIDGEMAN.

**A. W. More & Co.,
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Victoria, B. C., April 10, 1899.

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**Ask Ogilvie
For Permits.**

Sole Control of Northern Whiskey Supply Placed in His Hands.

Lawyers From Canada or Old Country May Practise in Yukon.

Dates of Big Rifle Meetings—
Charter for Northern Telegraph.

From Our Own Correspondent.
Ottawa, April 15.—Ordinance No. 11 of the Yukon council has been disallowed, because it took away all control by the government over the liquor traffic and gave practically free trade in liquor in that territory. An order-in-council has been passed placing the sole power to issue permits in the hands of Commissioner Ogilvie, or parties authorized by him.

Mining Disputes.

The gold commissioner of the Yukon and mining recorder are authorized to determine mining disputes, but appeal may be had from a recorder's decision to the gold commissioner, and from the latter's decision to Mr. Sifton.

Lawyers Path Smoothed.

Yukon ordinance No. 4, respecting the legal profession, also has been disallowed and an order-in-council passed yesterday permits and qualified Canadian or British barristers to practise in Yukon after being duly admitted by order of the Territorial court and paying \$50, with an annual fee of \$10. Persons admitted to practise under the Territorial ordinance are not to be disqualified.

An Old-Time Publisher.

I. B. Taylor, formerly proprietor of the Ottawa Citizen and parliamentary printer, died to-day. For some years he has been assistant clerk of the Votes and Proceedings of the Commons.

The Rifle Matches.

The Military Rifle Matches will be held on May 27, June 3, July 8 and 22. The D. R. A. matches will commence on Monday, August 28.

Northern Telegraph.

The Northern Commercial Telegraph Co., which intends building a line from Vancouver to Dawson, will apply this session for an amendment to its charter, providing that a majority of the directors may live outside Canada, and to increase its capital stock.

AGED PAUPERS CREMATED.

Victims of Fire in County Almshouse in New Brunswick.

Chatham, N. B., April 15.—(Special)

The county almshouse here was destroyed by fire early this morning, and four aged inmates were burned to death. The fire broke out at midnight. Thirty paupers were sleeping in the building, besides the keeper and matron, Mr. and Mrs. Templeton, with their servant. The names of the lost are Owen McLean, Henry Hobbs, John McIntyre and Thomas Black. Nearly all the other inmates had narrow escapes from death, and were burned and bruised.

TEN CANDIDATES A SEAT.

Four Thousand Spaniards Engaged in the Contest for Places in Cortes.

Madrid, April 15.—The election to be held to-morrow for members of the cortes promise to be lively. There are 4,000 candidates contesting for the 400 seats. Senor Sagasta, former premier, and Senor Moret, who was minister for the colonies in the Sagasta cabinet, are meeting with keen opposition in Logrono and Saragossa respectively.

MINING EXCHANGE.

Montreal, April 15.—(Special)—A seat in the Montreal mining exchange was sold this morning for \$674. A. W. Morris was the purchaser. The original price was \$250.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY.

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. 25c each. The genuine has L. B. Q. on each tablet.

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Three Hardwood Bed Sets, Mattresses,

Dining Table, Chairs, Centre Occasional

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W. T. HARDAKER, Auctioneer.

STAKING ON GRANITE CREEK.

Exciting Race From Alberni to Get Next to a Promising Claim.

Alberni, April 15.—(Special)—Messrs. Cooper and Garrard, two prospectors, have just returned from Granite creek, after an exciting and daring trip. On Wednesday the steamer Willie on leaving Alberni had on board quite a few prospectors, who did not know just where they would get off on reaching Granite creek. Cooper and Garrard got ashore first, the remainder following, and after lunch started up the creek. Night overtook them, and still without fear they, with the aid of a candle and wax tapers, made their way up the creek, crossing it, sometimes knee-deep in water. In the early morning they reached the Three W's claim, being worked by Mr. Short, and found that they had just arrived in time, as a messenger had come on horseback up the trail, and had just arrived. They immediately commenced staking off a claim, while Mr. Short's men working on one side, while they worked on the other. Having accomplished their task they returned and are now the owners of the Eclipse claims Nos. 1 and 2, adjoining Mr. Short's property, with a nine-foot ledge. They have brought out some of the rock, which they say is the same as Mr. Short's. Both men have resided in Alberni quite a while, and are being congratulated upon the success of the daring and hazardous trip they made.

ONTARIO LAUGHS

AT YANKEE BLUFF.

Lumbermen Not Disturbed at Threat to Exclude Canadian Product.

Special to the Colonist.

Toronto, April 15.—Col. Gibson, minister of crown lands in the Ontario government, and acting premier in the absence of Mr. Hardy, discussing the report from Washington to the effect that the United States government is contemplating the prohibition of the entry of Canadian lumber in consequence of the sawlog legislation of the Ontario government, said:

"This government does not propose to take any action. If the Americans want to put in a prohibitory measure, let them. We have taken our position and will stand by it. We have already taken the ground that the exportation of logs was subject to our regulations, and the limits were sold subject to these regulations. The matter was carefully considered from the commencement, and now the Americans can go ahead."

John Waldie, ex-M. P., president of the Victoria Harbor Lumber Co., said: "As

Tried Official Discharged.

R. F. Tolmie Given One Week
in Which to Vacate
His Office.

After Long Service and Promise
That His Position Was
Secure.

Last week's official Gazette contained notice of the appointment of Duncan A. McBeath of Nelson to be mining recorder and collector under the "Revenue Tax Act" for the Nelson mining division of West Kootenay electoral district, district registrar under the "Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Act" for the Nelson division of West Kootenay, collector of votes for the Nelson Riding of the West Kootenay electoral district, and a registrar under the "Marriage Act," vice R. F. Tolmie.

There may or may not be objection to the appointment of Mr. McBeath, but the manner in which Mr. Tolmie was treated, although similar in many respects to the treatment accorded other officials by the present government, should cause indignation even among the friends of the government. No one could question Mr. Tolmie's competency. He was for many years chief clerk in the registry office in this city, when all the business of the province centred here and he was sent to Nelson to take charge on account of the growing importance of that office. But despite his a copy of the notice of dismissal:

Victoria, B. C., April 6, 1899.

Sir: In the absence of the Provincial Secretary, I have to inform you that on and after the 15th inst. your services as a mining recorder will no longer be required, and that the cancellation of all offices held by you under the government will take effect from the said date.

I am, sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Signed) A. CAMPBELL REDDIE,

Dep. Prov. Sec.

R. F. Tolmie, Esq.,

Nelson.

Mr. Tolmie received this letter on April 8, two days after it was written.

But this is not the worst part of the treatment accorded Mr. Tolmie. The present government expressly promised that he would not be interfered with, when the proposal first came up to formally cancel a number of appointments, re-appointing immediately the same officials. It was stated that none of the officials would lose their positions. This promise has not been kept in Mr. Tolmie's case at least.

ICE BLOCKADES PORT.

Several Steamers Waiting Off St. John's, Including the Ill-Stared Gaspeia.

St. John's, Nfld., April 15.—A whole fleet of steamers are awaiting entry to this port, which is blocked by ice floes. Among them is the Canadian liner Gaspeia, which passed St. Pierre yesterday under her own steam, making three knots an hour, after having been ice-bound in the Gulf of St. Lawrence for several months. She reports that her boats have been injured by ice floes, that she has six feet of water in her hold, and that her rudder is damaged. It is probable that she will have to go into dock for repairs.

The waiting fleet also includes the British steamer Manitoba, Captain Buchanan, from Liverpool for this port, Halifax and Philadelphia, and the Beeswing, Capt. Karah, from Cadiz for St. John's.

HOTEL MAN'S DEATH.

Kingston, April 15.—(Special)—Patrick McLaughlin, proprietor of the Globe hotel, died to-day at the age of 49 years. A week ago yesterday he was in the market, and when he returned to the hotel he complained of feeling drowsy, the illness ending fatally to-day.

PONTON'S NEXT TRIAL.

Toronto, April 15.—(Special)—Judge Robertson gave his decision this morning on the application made to him on behalf of the crown for a change of venue in the Ponton case, directing that the trial be changed from Nanapone to Toronto.

BANDITS ROB AND KILL.
Ten Miles From Havana the Scene of the Desperadoes' Operations.

Havana, April 15.—News has been received from Mariano that 12 or 15 mounted bandits, one dressed as a woman, raided the Pinollos plantation, owned by Senora Puri, two miles south of Calmito and 10 miles from Havana, at daylight yesterday and took \$100 in silver from the owner's residence, and afterwards burned the house of the overseer and warehouse, containing \$5,000 worth of tobacco.

The bandits rode into Calmito, where they plundered two dwellings and then went to a third, where a dance was in progress. A captain, a sergeant and two Cuban soldiers were present at the dance and went out of the house to see what was the matter and other persons crowded to the doors and windows. The raiders fired a volley at close range, killing the captain and one soldier and two other men who were also inside the building. The bandits then galloped away.

ROSSLAND'S OUTPUT GROWS.

But Two-Thirds Crosses Boundary on Corbin's Railway—Toronto Lawyer for Mining Suit.

Rossland, April 15.—The output of the camp for the week just closed has reached 3,539 tons. The War Eagle only commenced shipping in earnest on the 12th, but sent to Trail over 1,000 tons during the week.

The famous lawsuit of the Iron Mask Company vs. Centre Star Company will open on Monday before Mr. Justice Walkem. E. P. Davis, Q.C., of Vancouver, and A. H. McNeill, Q.C., of Rossland, will appear for the Iron Mask, and E. V. Bodwell, Q.C., of Victoria, T. P. Galt, of Toronto, and Alex. Galt, of Rossland, will act for the Centre Star. The case will possibly last for three weeks, and is exciting very general interest among mining men all over the country. A large number of expert witnesses are on hand.

Jay P. Graves, director and Western manager of the Big Three Company, inspected the Mascot this week and reports very good progress. During March working one drill for twenty-six days 174 feet were driven in number two tunnel. This is a record for drilling in the camp.

The British American Corporation has ordered new plants for the Josle and Num-ber One.

Our shipments for the week were: Le Rot to Northport, 2,488; War Eagle to Trail, 1,015; Iron Mask to Trail, 36; total, 3,539 tons.

HONDI in lead packets—40c., 50c., and 60c.

WILL BE A BIG MINE.

St. Anthony Company Ready to Take Over Omineca Consolidated When Deeds Are Ready.

Messrs. Thomas R. More and S. O. Richards, who have been carrying on the negotiations for the St. Anthony Exploration Company for the purchase of the Omineca Consolidated Company's property on Manson creek, have left the city for Vancouver, from which Mr. More will leave for the North on the steamer Danube on Thursday next. There having been numerous reports in respect to the standing of the negotiations. As has been stated in the Colonist, Messrs. More and Richards made an offer on behalf of the St. Anthony for the purchase of the Omineca Company's property and rights. This offer has been accepted by Messrs. T. B. Hall and Simon Leiser, the trustees of the Omineca Company, and as soon as they can give a good and sufficient deed the deal will be closed.

Messrs. McPhillips, Wooton & Barnard, solicitors for the St. Anthony Company, have been authorized to complete the purchase as soon as they are offered a satisfactory deed. Therefore the sale will in all probability be put through this week.

The property includes bench claims on Manson creek; water rights on Munson, Loss and Mill creeks; piping, a sawmill and an electric light plant. This would be a valuable addition to the property and water rights that the St. Anthony Company secured in the vicinity last year, and with the machinery they are taking in would give them one of the best hydraulic mines in British Columbia.

The company's machinery has already gone North, and will be taken up the river on the first boat leaving about the 25th instant. Mr. More will go up at the same time, and will be accompanied by Mr. R. H. Hall, of the Hudson's Bay Co., Mr. Herbert Hall, who enters the employ of the St. Anthony Company, and Mr. A. W. Valjeau, the gold commissioner for Omineca.

Mr. More a few days ago received a letter from the men sent in advance to get the ground ready for the machinery. They had reached Hazelton and were getting ready to start for Manson creek, which point they have no doubt reached ere this.

Tales Told By Travellers.

Northern Arrivals Filling the Registers at the City Hotels.

Alaska Commercial Co. Making Spring Purchases Here-Transfer to Bennett.

Late arrivals from the Klondike form a large proportion of last night's guests at the city hotels, the main company to come down by the Amur finding a home at the Dominion. They include E. C. Litke of London, Eng., whose party is one of the very latest from the "inside" F. O. Sessions and A. Plett of Dawson, who started from Skagway by the City of Seattle, and completed the trip on the Laurada, J. C. and R. H. Strickland, W. J. and George C. Baptie, and G. H. Postlethwaite—Amur passengers. The last named five are heavily interested on Dominion creek, with prospects that they regard as entirely satisfactory. Each brought down his little sack of gold, and all are going back before the summer closes, for a further supply. Coming out, they found the trail softening rapidly, the persistent traffic with horses having done much toward breaking up the ice prematurely. Those who are now on the way with sleds, it is to be hoped will have a hard time of it. Two others just arrived Dawsonians, A. Y. Wilson and W. C. Stewart, are at the Queen's.

William Oillard, of the firm of Oillard Bros., Tacoma, shipbuilders and founders, arrived down from Bennett Lake yesterday, and is at the Dominion. His firm had a useful (yet useless) boat on the Stikine and Mr. Oillard's mission to the north was to transport it in sections and see it properly put together again at Bennett, where it will find plenty of business.

William L. Gerstle of the Alaskan Commercial Co., arrived here yesterday from San Francisco, and is at the Driard. He is here on business which includes the purchase of spring supplies for the north, and will remain in town until Thursday, when he returns to California.

C. T. Harris, who arrived at the Dominion from Lake Bennett last evening, has been employed for some time on the White Pass & Yukon railway. He says that all but five miles of the railway is now graded through to Bennett.

Col. James S. Coolican, the father and chief enthusiast of Port Angeles, was at the Driard yesterday. He returned home by the Garland in the evening. Angeles, he said, was too good a town to be away from long.

Arthur E. and H. R. May, who have been farming for some time past on Lulu Island, are at the Dominion. They are returning to the old country, where they will hereafter reside.

H. B. Greaves, provincial constable at Lake Bennett, arrived down by the Amur yesterday and is at the Occidental.

E. A. McDonaugh, the Dominion representative at Vancouver, and Conrad Carlson of Bessemer, Mich., are at the Dominion.

Charles E. Herron and wife, also arrived down from Atlin yesterday, and are at the Victoria on their way to San Francisco.

H. Town, of Vancouver, and Robert Stevenson, of Chilliwack, spent last evening at the Driard. They are going to Nanaimo to-day.

C. E. Cartwright of Kingston, Ont., and W. T. Gutton of Washington, D. C., are guests at the Victoria.

Frank Oliver, M.E., of the B. A. Company of Rossland, with Mrs. Oliver, is at the New England.

S. Tingley of Ashcroft, who has been spending several days at the Driard, returns home this morning.

Thomas Spain, the Vancouver athlete, with S. A. Pool, also of that city, are at the Victoria.

D. Barrie and F. Copley of Shawnigan are at the Queens.

Capt. Taekaberry, of Portland, Ore., is at the Oriental.

APT QUOTATIONS.

Proverbs, axioms and wise sayings have been uttered by Confucius and other wise men from time immemorial, but few people realize how many there are of them. C. I. Hood & Co., of Sarsaparilla fame, have over 2,000, and they have originated the ingenious plan of serving them up in detectable shape in thousands of newspapers, with each one neatly turning a point as to the merit of their well-known medicine. The extensive use of these proverbs is original and creditable to Hood & Co.

THE LOCAL NEWS.

HONDI is making many friends.

Martell's Three Star Brandy is the favorite.

Dance at Metchosin.—The ladies of Metchosin will give a dance at the public hall on the 25th instant.

J. B. A. A. Meeting.—There will be a meeting of the management committee of the J. B. A. A. on Tuesday evening at the secretary's office, club-house.

Too Much Rain.—The game of Association football to have been played on Beacon Hill yesterday afternoon between Victoria and "all-comers" was postponed on account of the rain.

To Supply Curbing.—Mr. J. E. Phillips has been awarded the contract for supplying the city with 1,000 feet of granite curbing. The stone will be secured from Mill Bay.

Advised Not to Come.—Several letters and circulars have, it is stated, been sent to China by local Chinese merchants to prevent for the present the influx of Chinese to this province. It is largely through these merchants that the Chinese immigration business is handled.

Now Bound for Washington.—After a study of the labor conditions of Japan and the probable effect of an influx of Japs on the American coast, Wm. Rice, U. S. immigration commissioner for British Columbia, has returned to San Francisco en route to Washington to make his report.

Died at Westminster.—Frank Stovin, a former teacher in Victoria College, who was taken to the New Westminster asylum some time ago, is dead, notwithstanding having been received in a telegram to Rev. J. P. D. Knox yesterday morning. His remains will be interred at New Westminster.

Lacrosse Will Boom.—All members of the J. B. A. lacrosse team are requested to be on hand at the J. B. A. club-house on Monday evening, as gymnasium exercise will be indulged for a couple of weeks before field practice starts in. Any players intending to become members of the association are also requested to be on hand.

Badger Has "Begone."—Several days ago a young man locally known as Badger was served with a summons to appear in the city police court and defend himself from a charge of vagrancy. He did not understand what it meant, he said when served, and the policeman kindly suggested that it meant "begone." The case was called in the police court yesterday, and no Badger appearing a warrant was issued in the usual course. Badger has "begone."

Summer Approaching.—Mr. L. Greenhalgh, manager of Norman Macaulay's hotel at Marsh Lake, arrived in the city last evening on the City of Kingston. He was one of the passengers on the steamer City of Seattle when her shaft broke, and on reaching Juneau caught the steamer Laurada for Seattle. Mr. Greenhalgh says that the snow and ice is beginning to soften on the northern trails with the near approach of summer. He will return north within a couple of weeks.

Alleged Whiskey Selling.—Yesterday at Duncan's, before the magistrate, one O'Brien, alias Colburt, was charged with selling liquor to Indians at Chemainus. The constable at Chemainus had been on the lookout for these illicit whisky dealers, and on O'Brien coming into the bar at Chemainus he was noticed leaving his slop to go to the Indian village. Sampson, the Indian in whose possession the liquor was found, denied that he had purchased it from O'Brien. The magistrate accused Sampson of lying, but as O'Brien was exonerated by the Indian's remarks he was discharged and Sampson fined \$10 and costs.

The City Engineer.—Mr. C. B. Smith, C. E., has not yet, according to the mayor, made up his mind to the latest communication of the council with respect to his appointment as city engineer, and it is entirely problematical whether or not he will consent to accept. The council could not—if it desired to bind succeeding councils to continuing Mr. Smith in the position, yet it appears to be the determination of the Eastern members of the profession to receive a guarantee ere they accept service under the council of Victoria.

A Case for the Charitable.—A subscription list has been opened at the Colonist office for the benefit of the widow and orphaned children of John McFerlie, the Alberni prospector, living in this city, who was drowned at San Juan on February 8 last. McFerlie's death has left a family of five utterly unprovided for and in present destitution. They seem in every way worthy of help, and it should be borne in mind that "he gives twice who gives quickly"—also that the widow's mite shows the heart to be in the right place, just as much as the rich man's dollars.

Sorry to Lose Him.—Herbert H. Hall, son of Mr. R. H. Hall, has resigned his position with the Hudson's Bay Company, and will shortly leave for the North in the employ of the St. Anthony Exploration Co. His fellow-employees surprised him yesterday afternoon with an address and a handsome watch and chain as a memento of their regard. Mr. Hall hopes to visit Victoria again next autumn before proceeding to California, where he will study in a school of mines. His departure from Victoria is much regretted by his many friends among the oarsmen, sportsmen and the athletic fraternity generally.

"Iolanthe" by Amateurs.—Miss Marrack has decided to repeat Gilbert & Sullivan's tuneful opera "Iolanthe" at the Victoria theatre on Saturday, April 22. Those who witnessed the performances of this opera on April 7th and 8th are unanimous in their praise. Mrs. Henshaw, "Julian Durham," the British Columbia representative of the Musical Courier of New York, after witnessing the performance of this opera by Miss Marrack's pupils at Vancouver, said that individually and collectively the soloists were among the best amateurs she had heard. There will be no alteration in the cast and Mr. Emil Pferdner, the father of amateur opera in Victoria, will again wield the baton.

Temporarily Suspended.—The operation of the law passed at the last session of the legislature providing that miners working underground in auriferous mines shall work but eight hours a day, has been temporarily suspended by the provincial government at the request of the mine owners, who said they could not work their properties if it was enforced. The eight-hour-a-day system was made law by a bill introduced by Mr. Martin of Rossland at the request of the miners' union of that district, and is now being tried there. The govern-

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PERSONAL.

L. P. Duff left last evening for Rossland.

Rev. J. W. Flinton returned from the Sound yesterday.

W. F. Bullen was a passenger from Vancouver yesterday.

Mrs. Munro and daughter left last evening for Ahlsworth.

Capt. John Irving returned yesterday from the Provincial Mainland.

H. R. Ella, of this city, left Skagway for Lake Bennett on the 8th instant.

Sir Hibbert Tupper was a among the passengers from Vancouver last evening.

L. C. Meyer was a passenger outward on the Kingston yesterday, bound for London.

A. Heathorn, of the Chilkoot Tramway Company, returned last evening from Vancouver.

W. H. Ellis, manager of the Colonist, returned yesterday from a visit to Vancouver.

W. H. Dorman, post office inspector for the Mainland, and E. H. Fletcher, the Island and Northern inspector, came over on the Charmer last evening.

Church Services For the Day.

Appointments for Victorians
Who Will Attend Divine
Worship.

Song Services at Metropolitan
Methodist Church This
Evening.

There will be three services besides
Sunday school at Christ Church Cathedral
to-day, holy communion at 8, morning
prayer and sermon by Bishop Per-
rin at 11, and evensong at 7 in the even-
ing. The order of the choral services
for the day are:

MATINS.

Voluntary—Meditation..... Lemarque

Venite.....

Psalms for the day—

Te Deum.....

Beneficetus.....

Hymns.....

Kyrie.....

Voluntary—Offerertoire in E Flat..... Battiste

VESPERS.

Voluntary—Ari Panta the Hart..... Spayne

Processional Hymn.....

Psalm—

Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis..... Turner

Hymns.....

Voluntary—Marche Solennelle..... Mally

The rector, Rev. Percival Jenks, will
preach both morning and evening at St.
John's church. The musical arrange-
ments are:

MORNING.

Organ—"Lord of all Power and Might"..... Mason

Hymns.....

Organ—Postlude in G..... Ring

EVENING.

Organ—Andante in E Minor..... Battiste

Hymns.....

Organ—"I Will Call Upon the Lord"..... Mozart

Rev. E. G. Miller will officiate at St.
Bartholomew's church at the morning and
evening services. There will be holy
eucharist at 8, matins 10:30, massa can-
tata at 11, and choral evensong at 7.
Similar services will be held at St.
James, James Bay; St. Saviour's, Vic-
toria West, and the other district
churches.

Rev. W. H. Barracough, B.A., will
preach morning and evening at the Cen-
tennial Methodist church. His morning
subject will be "In the Image of God,"
and the evening "Victoria's Sunday."

Dr. R. W. Large will sing a solo during
the evening service and assist the re-organized
choir. At the Metropolitan church, Rev. J. C. Speer, who returned
a few days ago from the east, will oc-
upy the pulpit at both services. During
the morning service Dr. Large will
sing a solo, and in the evening an anthem
will be sung by a quartette. After the
evening service there will be a service of
song. Services will also be held during
the day at the James Bay and Vic-
toria West churches, and at the Herald
street mission. Mr. J. E. Dennis will
preach at the latter place at 8:30 in the
evening.

In St. Andrew's and the First Pres-
byterian churches, the pastors, Revs. W.
Leslie Clay and Dr. Campbell, respec-
tively, will preach morning and evening.
There will be Sunday school in the after-
noon and the usual Christian Endeavor
services.

The morning services at Calvary Bap-
tist church will be conducted by Mr.
William Marchant, and the evening by
Rev. Mr. Saunders of Saanich. At the
close of the evening service a special
meeting of the congregation will be held.
Rev. J. E. Coombes will preach both
morning and evening at Emmanuel
church.

Services will be held at the First Con-
gregational in the morning at 11 and in
the evening at 7. Rev. Dr. Payne will
preach at both services, in the morning
on "The Castaway," and in the evening
on "The Sinner's Attitude to Jesus
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evening services will be held by the
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NELLIE HOLGATE STILL ALIVE.

Supposed Victim of Suicide by Drown-
ing Turns Up at Dawson.

The latest issue of the Yukon Sun
contains the following:

Weirdly picturesque and romantic,
with a dash of pathos, is the history of
pretty Nellie Holgate, at one time a
society favorite in Seattle. Generally
believed for many years to occupy a
suicide's grave, she was instead an
idol of the amusement hunters who fre-
quent the resort known as the Tivoli
theatre.

Five years ago all Seattle was horri-
fied at the discovery of apparently in-
disputable evidence that winsome Nellie
Holgate had committed suicide. On the
shore of Lake Washington hat, gloves
and wearing apparel of a woman were
found. There was a note pinned to the
dress signed "Nellie," setting forth that
the writer was tired of life and would
seek rest in a watery grave. The clothes
were identified as the property of
Miss Holgate, and the knowledge cast
a gloom over the city. The lake was
dragged from head to end, but the hooks,
instead of bringing to the surface a
ghastly, unrecognizable corpse of a
woman once fair to look upon, fetched
only commonplace tin cans.

Then it was that Dara Rumor com-
menced circulating malicious stories.
It was claimed that the late Miss Hol-
gate had been privately married, and
shortly after that event had taken out
a policy on her life for \$10,000, the
same being payable to her husband.
Miss Holgate was not dead at all, be-
cause the cold waters had not yet
upended her body. The suicide was
gross imposition, and the insurance
company was to be the victim.

The young lady declines now to give
any reason for her mad escapade of
five years ago. The months intervening
between that time and the period of her
coming to Dawson are as a book sealed.

THE PRIZE DOGS.

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Exhibitors at Seattle.

Out of twenty-nine dogs sent from Vic-
toria to the show at Seattle, twenty-two
have been winners. In the Post-Intelli-
gencer it is noted that "Aldon Radcliffe,
Rev. J. W. Flinton's fox terrier, which has
won numerous prizes in all parts of Canada
and in the Eastern parts of the United
States, carried off the silver cup for num-
ber of prizes won at any previous show.
Mr. Flinton's Aldon Swagger was pronounced
the handsomest fox terrier in the show,
which is almost equivalent to giving him
the championship of the Pacific Coast.

The open class for Irish setter bitches
Rose, which is owned by Mrs. McKeon, of
Victoria, B.C., won first.

Among the awards in the special competi-
tions were the following:

Dog or bitch having largest number of
judged winnings at any previous show—Sil-
ver cup won by Aldon Radcliffe, fox ter-
rier, owned by Rev. J. W. Flinton, Vic-
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AN ABSURD CHALLENGE.

Sir Louis Davies is out with an absurd challenge to the opposition. He says that if they will make a charge against any minister in connection with the Yukon they will get an investigating committee in five minutes. Who has been suggesting that any one had charges to make against ministers? Has Sir Louis been under the impression that the complaint of the people was that he or some other minister of the Crown was implicated in shady transactions up north? If so he labors under a very great delusion. There has been great care on the part of the opposition press and opposition speakers to avoid anything which could be construed into a reflection upon the personal integrity of ministers in this connection, but such speeches as that of the Minister of Marine will have an undoubted tendency to direct public attention in that direction. There is such a thing as protesting too much.

Sir Louis can have only one object in taking this position, and it is what is usually called drawing a red herring across the scent. The issue is the mal-administration of the Yukon. It is for this that Mr. Sifton and his colleagues have been arraigned. It may be very ingenious on the part of Sir Louis to seek to raise another question entirely, but we doubt if he can succeed in doing so. Mr. Sifton and his colleagues may be as innocent of complicity in any wrong-doing as new-born babes. We hope they are. We have no reason to suppose they are not. The Colonist does not hold that low opinion of the Canadian character which would be implied by an insinuation that the men who come to the front in any political party are personally corrupt and ready to enter into nefarious schemes to enrich themselves at the public expense. It will decline to believe that our public men are dishonest until they have been proved so.

A LONG TIME AGO.

We repeat that the personal honesty of Mr. Sifton cuts no figure in the matter at all. His personal reputation is not in question, except so far as he himself or his all too previous colleagues bring it in question by defying any one to prove him dishonest. Though he were shown to be the very incarnation of honesty, his maladministration would be just as culpable as ever. The challenge put forward by Sir Louis will doubtless not be taken up. The country does not expect it to be taken up. The country will understand the motive of it to be a desire to divert attention from the real issue, namely, the dishonest and incapable manner in which federal officials carried on affairs and the almost criminal neglect of the responsible minister to call them to account, when their misdeeds were brought to his notice. Mr. Sifton may not have been parties criminis. No one has ever said he was. But he cannot hope to escape in a political sense the charge of being an accessory after the fact.

THE OLD POST OFFICE.

The Dominion government is fitting up the old post office building and proposes to rent it for stores. The original idea was to sell it, but the Public Works department thought the price offered not high enough. Therefore in a spirit of thriftiness, quite without precedent, the government have decided to keep the building and go into the business of renting stores. The necessary changes are being made without the public having had an opportunity to bid upon them, an objectionable course, but as the amount involved is not very large, and there may be some undisclosed reason why tenders could not very well be invited, we will not do more than make passing reference to it. It is a trifling matter compared with the principle involved in the government assuming the position of a competitor with other owners of real estate. Here is a piece of property in the very business centre of the city, an eligible locality for

certain lines of trade. On either side are business blocks, whose owners are lying in what was at one time called the Sea of Darkness, and is now known as the Atlantic ocean. It was not far west of the Pillars of Hercules, or Strait of Gibraltar. Beyond it were other islands and beyond these another continent. Atlantis was said to have been an empire of vast power. How far westward its dominion extended we are not told, but it exercised sovereignty over all northern Africa as far east as Egypt. In the course of its policy of expansion, the Atlantean government came in contact with the Hellenes, and would have overthrown them and made the whole Mediterranean an Atlantean lake, they indeed claimed it was simply a great harbor of the ocean on which they were supreme, if it had not been for the valor of the Athenians, who made such stout resistance that they were able to turn the tables upon their foes and deprive the Island empire of all its dominions within the Pillars. Shortly after this an earthquake occurred, which destroyed the greater part of the Athenian people and completely obliterated Atlantis under the waters of the ocean.

Until a very recent date the world of Christendom has declined to accept legends of this nature as anything else than fables, for it was true that only 4004 years elapsed between the Creation and the birth of Christ it was clearly impossible for Atlantis to have existed at all, much less attained national greatness ten thousand years before the latter event. This notion has become so engrained in our minds that any account of discoveries indicating a great antiquity for the human race are received with incredulity even by those who have long ago rejected Bishop Ussher's ideas of chronology. But instead of such things being intrinsically improbable, they are intrinsically probable. No matter how far we go back in history we seem to get no nearer the time when the race began. The fact that men were living five thousand years ago is prima facie evidence that they were living ten thousand years ago, for the creation of a new race of beings is the last possible hypothesis which can be accepted to account for anything. Nowadays every well-informed person admits that the evidence of the very great antiquity of man is simply overwhelming. Proof that he was contemporary with the mammoth in America is beyond any question. There is evidence that he existed in America before the mountains along the Pacific coast of America were upheaved. With the light which geology casts upon the question it has ceased to appear intrinsically improbable that an ancient empire may have once existed where the Atlantic is the widest, and that Humboldt suggests, the Madeira Isles and the Azores may be the summits of the mountain ranges of Atlantis.

So to get back to our Theosophist friends and their quest for prehistoric ghosts, there is nothing at all improbable in their suggestion that a long while ago a sphere of civilization extended from India to California by way of Atlantis. Whether they will be able to persuade the immortal part of some dead Atlantean king or philosopher to revise these glimpses of the moon and tell how things used to be done when the world was a good deal younger than it now is, and whether anybody not in the inner Theosophic circle would believe him if he came, is another story.

Advices from California say that owing to the scarcity of rain, there will be great shortage in the potato crop, and doubt exists as to its being equal to the home demand. British Columbia ranchers should make a note of this, for it means that they are likely to have the market this year all to themselves for a full twelve months. The usual spring supply of new California potatoes is not coming forward.

The Theosophists are about to erect a temple in California at a place where it is claimed a great structure stood in the days when Atlantis was a reality and a vanished civilization was at its climax. A very determined effort is to be made at the same place to get into communication with some of the ancient worthies, or failing these more modern departed spirits. Any old ghost will do, but the older the better. It is impossible to read about these things without a feeling of amusement, and yet there may be very much more behind them than any one suspects. The evidence of an extinct civilization are too numerous and too convincing to be set aside, no matter how much the conclusion to which they point may differ from our preconceived ideas.

The principal evidence may be divided under two heads, namely, tradition and relics. Historical record is out of the question at present because as far as is known there is a gap in the history of mankind not bridged by history, unless some of the as yet, undecipherable inscriptions of the Central American ruins may prove to be history and to relate to a forgotten past. The weight of evidence points to the existence of a period following the extinction of the prehistoric civilization, when the mere struggle for existence was sufficient to occupy the whole attention of the race. This period would correspond to the Ragnarok of the Norse legends and the Ice Age of the geologists. It is possible that the third, fourth, fifth and sixth chapters of Genesis may relate to it and the period preceding it. The Atlantic legends are numerous, that is, legends which harmonize with Plato's account of that great island empire. Plato gives Solon, who lived 600 years before Christ, authority for the existence of Atlantis and Solon was reputed to have obtained his information from an Egyptian priest. From the best information available, Plato thought that Atlantis was destroyed about 9000 years before his time, or in a general way between eleven and twelve thousand years ago. Atlantis

was alleged to be a continental island in the Atlantic ocean. It was not far west of the Pillars of Hercules, or Strait of Gibraltar. Beyond it were other islands and beyond these another continent. Atlantis was said to have been an empire of vast power. How far westward its dominion extended we are not told, but it exercised sovereignty over all northern Africa as far east as Egypt. In the course of its policy of expansion, the Atlantean government came in contact with the Hellenes, and would have overthrown them and made the whole Mediterranean an Atlantean lake, they indeed claimed it was simply a great harbor of the ocean on which they were supreme, if it had not been for the valor of the Athenians, who made such stout resistance that they were able to turn the tables upon their foes and deprive the Island empire of all its dominions within the Pillars. Shortly after this an earthquake occurred, which destroyed the greater part of the Athenian people and completely obliterated Atlantis under the waters of the ocean.

The Colonial Goldfields Gazette, commenting upon the statement of Sir Charles Tupper that British Columbia needs more capital than is now coming in, says that the province needs an office in some central portion of London, handsomely fitted up so as to attract visitors, and that a first-class exhibit of the minerals of the province ought to

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be on view. We commend this suggestion to the consideration of the provincial government, which seems to be of the opinion that the province has not the least necessity for having anything of this kind. There is no doubt that the Gazette understands the situation very thoroughly. A country is like an individual in that it is apt to be taken at its own valuation. Because every one in British Columbia has a fairly good general idea of the resources of the province, it must not be supposed that one person out of fifty in Great Britain knows anything whatever about them. To the very great majority of the British public, even of the investing class, British Columbia is hardly yet as much as a name. This may not be very flattering to our self-esteem, but it is true nevertheless. We suggest to the Minister of Mines that he should take this matter up. Public opinion will support him in an effort to have the province adequately advertised in London.

The Auditor-General of Canada has recently refused to pass an item of \$100 for articles intended for the amusement of the Yukon militia contingent. The ground of his objection is that such an expenditure is not authorized by law. We do not think any reasonable persons will object to the government providing amusement for the men in barracks on the Yukon, but we cannot join with the Toronto Star when it calls upon parliament to curtail the powers of the Auditor-General in such matters. The authority of the Minister of Justice to direct the Auditor-General as to what he shall regard as coming within a vote prevents any real abuse by the latter of his power to disallow expenditures.

The Vancouver World says that the recoil of Sir Hibbert Tupper's speech fired him back to British Columbia. The World is unjust to Sir Hibbert and itself by making such an observation. The reason for Sir Hibbert's return to British Columbia is well known, and his intention to return for a short time was no secret. That he should have made his arrangement with Mr. Sifton's administration and come away from the Capital, leaving the field free to the minister when making his reply, ought to be regarded as an indication of confidence in his case rather than the reverse.

The Montreal Gazette understands that the government has decided to reduce the royalty upon less profitable claims in the Yukon, and to absolutely prohibit officials from holding or speculating in claims. It may be true, as the Toronto Globe says, that officials find it hard to stand by and see other people get rich, while they have to be content with their salaries, but this is one of the disadvantages of accepting a government office. If an official does not like his position, he can always resign.

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Signs of Spring in the Yukon—Claim Jumping in Atlin.

The past few weeks have been exceedingly fruitful in maritime mishaps, the victims being vessels engaged in the northern passenger trade. First it was the Boscowitz, then the Dirigo, next the Tees, and after her the City of Topeka. Now it is the queen of the northern fleet, the Puget Sound and Alaska Co.'s City of Seattle that is in for a bill of repair costs. Her accident, unlike the others, was in no way attributable, however, to the rocks or currents of the northern waterway. She simply met with misfortune in the engineer's department and was lying helpless with a broken crank shaft when the Victoria steamer Amur responded to her signals of distress and towed her crippled to Juneau. Thence she is to be brought south by the tug Czar for thorough repair.

Anxiety for the favorite northern steamer was just beginning to be generally expressed along the waterfront, the steamer being four days overdue yesterday, when the Amur arrived with an explanation. She had been on her upward passage and about 90 miles this side of Skagway, at 3 a.m. on the 9th instant, when the City of Seattle was sighted moving her head and drifting just north of Douglas Island. The steamer signalled for the Amur to stand by until daylight, and Capt. LeBlanc of the Canadian steamer replying in acquiescence and came to anchor. Between four and five o'clock the glass commenced to fall very rapidly, with every sign of approaching bad weather, and the skipper of the Seattle taking alarm at this, asked for and got a line from the Amur. The latter steamer towed her without mishap to Juneau, where the passengers were transferred to the south-bound Lauradra, that vessel landing them in Seattle Friday night. Among them were Captain E. W. Spencer, the veteran Yukon navigator—who is down to arrange for the shipment up of material for his new boat now building at Lake Bennett—and Mr. Luke Greenwood of this city, who comes now from White Horse Rapids. Both of these gentlemen came to Victoria last evening by the City of Kingston.

The officers of the Seattle assert that their misfortune was nothing more serious than the breaking of the crank shaft. There is, however, a story current that while thus disabled she drifted upon submerged rock and punctured her hull to that extent that she took in water freely. Strengthening this report is the testimony of Captain Frank White of the Lauradra, who on his arrival at Skagway informed the "Alaskan" that when he passed the Seattle, in tow of the Amur, "her machinery was at a standstill with the exception of the circular pump which was throwing out between 500 and 600 gallons of water per minute, which would indicate that she was leaking badly. There were no visible signs of wreck on the hull which would have been in evidence had she struck a rock, and my theory is," concluded the Lauradra skipper, "that she had run on a sand bar and injured her hull and machinery quite badly."

In any event the pleasant position when the Amur gave her assistance, for deprived of power and with a storm coming on, in bad water and treacherous anchorage, her insurance risk was not an enviable one. Nor is she the only craft to be thankful for the opportune arrival of the Victoria steamer—the Amur and her officers will have a pretty penny coming to them in salvage for their share in the transaction.

SPRING IS AT HAND.

The Yukon Reported to Be Opening unusually Early—A Fatality on the River.

LATEST FROM THE PORCUPINE.

Messrs. R. H. and J. C. Strickland,

G. H. Baptil and W. M. Phillip form a

quartette of Dawsonians just over the

trail who came down by the Amur to

Victoria. They had come up the river at about the same time as the E. C. Little

party, and agree with them that the

water is already running over the Yukon

ice and there can be little further

travel on the river until the opening of

navigation. Indeed travelling on the

ice is already hazardous business and the

report had reached Skagway just before

the Amur sailed that a party of four

headed by a man named Stuart of Snow-

hamish had slipped through a hole a

short distance above White Horse and

been lost with their dogs and outfit.

All save the leader of the Little party

—who was on the Amur—came down by

the Lauradra. It consisted of E. C. Little,

A. H. Miller, James Jenkins, John

de Land and Dr. J. T. Kelly. The doc-

tor, who was formerly a prominent den-

tist in San Francisco, has been in the

interior for eighteen months, during

which time he has been very successful

both in the Dawson and American dis-

tricts. He reports good diggings on the

American side on Chicken creek on

Walker's Fork of Wade creek, on which

creek a discovery was recently made, \$300, including a \$32 nugget having been taken from one hole. This was on a bench claim, where Dr. Kelly asserts work may be carried on all summer.

A great amount of work has been done on the various creeks during the past winter and indications now point to a big summer clean-up. Labor has been very plentiful during the winter, in fact according to Dr. Kelly, there has been and now are twenty men for every job. This latter condition of affairs has served to put Dawson on the decline, so far as business appearance is concerned.

Dr. Kelly and those who came out with him are much concerned for the safety of the many hundreds of people who are now on the trail on route to Dawson, many of whom are not further along than Cariboo and Tagish. At Marsh lake 10 days ago there were 10 inches of water on the ice, and the same conditions existed at Fifty Mile river, where the water was also several inches deep on the ice. While the party was crossing Summit lake Saturday, John De Land, who was guiding a sled, slipped through the ice which gave way under him. He held to the sled, to which five dogs were attached, and was pulled out after having been in water up to his waist. It was a narrow escape, as the water at that point was quite deep. Owing to the present condition of the trail, both Kelly and De Land said that it was now extremely hazardous to start for Dawson expecting to make the trip by the winter route. None of this party will return to the interior before the latter part of July or first of August.

"Big Jim" White, another recent arrival from "the inside," has for the past several months been working a bench claim on Skookum gulch, from which he says he not infrequently picked up nuggets to the value of \$10 a day. He brought out two good sacks of nuggets and dust, and discussing the present

"Dawson is decidedly on the bum. There are too many people there who have no work and an equal number who would not work if they had the chance. There is plenty of gold on many of the creeks, but not more than 15 per cent. of the people who are there are getting it. Those who own claims, either creek or bench, and stay right with them and work like niggers, are the ones who have nuggets to jingle in their pockets. Hundreds and hundreds of men, old and young, stand around on the streets or hang around the saloons all the time. How they live is more than I know, and the only reason they stay there is that they are too lazy to walk out."

On the coast end of the trail the new arrivals from the interior met William Gofford and Charles Schultz with a tandem bicycle on which they hoped to make Dawson in four days from where they took the ice—although the outbound pilgrims are agreed that they will never accomplish it. These hardy young wheelers went north on the City of Seattle and have the wheel loaded with extra footwear and clothing such as they will need on the trip. They expect to cover their feet with light canvas bicycle shoes, and hope to keep them from freezing with hard pedalling. Besides carrying clothing for the trip, they have two bundles of private mail for Dawson. Altogether they have about 75 pounds of baggage on the wheel. A bell and two small horns are provided to frighten the dogs off the trail. A velocimeter to measure the distance between Bennett and Dawson is also carried.

CLAIM JUMPING IN ATLIN.

Hundreds of Last Year's Locations Reported to Have Been Taken Possession Of.

In a letter to the Skagway Alaskan under the Pine Creek date of March 30, a correspondent of that paper zealously advises his American brethren to keep away from Atlin, and in his letter says: "Last year American prospectors traversed the wilds of this part of Alaska, risked their lives on lakes in dugouts, rafts and every other species of nautical crafts; built bridges over or waded through rivers, were hungry and foot-sore, had their clothes torn from their backs by brush or jagged rocks, purchased mining leases, paid duty, found gold in many places, staked claims, recorded, or thought they had recorded, those claims, only to discover this spring that the reward of their toil, endurance and self-denial has been stolen from them.

How has it been done? In numberless ways, but principally by fraud in the recorder's office and by deadbeats who have "jumped" hundreds of claims.

"Pine creek is like a huge graveyard. For miles every claim has been jumped from two to fifteen times. Stakes of all sorts, sizes, and descriptions adorn both banks of the stream, while the variety of inscriptions thereon would puzzle an Egyptian professor of hieroglyphics to decipher. Spruce, Birch, Boulder and other creeks are in much the same condition. Stakes set in the ground last fall have been torn out, thrown away and others substituted, until it, in some cases is impossible to find the claim some one thinks he owns."

For the salvation of the aliens in Atlin, just-as-good gold district is reported to have been discovered just north of the provincial boundary and in the Northwest Territory, to which hundreds are said to be hurrying. Ed. Taylor, who brought this news to Skagway, said that at a late hour the previous night two men had arrived at Log Cabin direct from Atlin with the information that just previous to their leaving Atlin a report had reached there of a remarkably rich discovery on a creek fifty miles north of Atlin and in the Northwest Territory.

They either could not or would not give more definite information, but purchased a couple of picks and at once started on the return trip.

Three Dollars to the Pan on Discovery Claim—A Hard Road to

Three dollars to the pan is the latest report from discovery claim on Pine creek in the new Eldorado of the American diggings, which are only a few miles distant from Juneau, and cover a vast territory for the prospectors to work in. Discoverer Mix and party started development work two weeks ago knowing from last year's work where to strike the rich pay dirt on the claims which turned out over \$1,000 in 10 days of bright shiny coarse gold. The Mix party started right in to get gold from the start. Beginning at the rim the work was pushed until the rich layer of pay dirt was uncovered, when, with breathless anxiety, a pan was washed and from \$3 up was what the discovery claim showed.

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The Quatsino Mine—Phillip Rowe, has charge of the work being done on the coal mine at Quatsino, was in Victoria on Friday. He crossed over the newly built trail on the northern end of the island and caught the steamer Cutch, on her last trip down. From Victoria, he took the direct steamer for San Francisco, where he is going to secure more machinery for the development of the Quatsino mine.

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Steamers for The Skeena.

Vessels Will Leave for the Forks on the Twenty-Fifth.

Confirmation of Reported Sale of Steamers Kingston and Seattle.

It was late when the Queen City got away for northern ports last night. The vessel had a full load of freight. She was loaded principally with cannery supplies and had some few shipments for Skidegate, Queen Charlotte Islands. There was a large number of passengers aboard, among them being a party in charge of Mr. W. E. Curtis, bound for the Lowe Inlet to work there in the canneries. There were also a number of steamboat hands for the Hudson Bay Company's steamer Caledonia, which is to commence running on the Skeena on the 25th inst. The Caledonia and the Stratcona, the second vessel, which is to ply regularly on the Skeena this year, were launched on the 10th inst. and are now being made ready for service. Some freight in transit to Quatsino has already been forwarded north, and will be carried up to the forks of the river by these two steamers, a consignment of two of this having been taken by the Alpha a few days ago. The complete passenger list of the Queen City follows: W. E. Curtis, wife and party; Mrs. McKinnon, Mrs. Falkner, Miss Turnbull, J. P. Bucy, M. Adams, M. R. J. Reid, J. T. Williams, Martin Stone, A. Fenster, J. Noble, A. Post, J. H. Gray, C. F. Marshall, W. F. Ferguson and D. G. Connor.

REPORT CONFIRMED.

Messrs. Dowdell & Co. Will Control City of Seattle and City of Kingston.

The report published some time ago to the effect that Messrs. Dowdell & Co. were to take over the steamers City of Kingston and City of Seattle, was yesterday confirmed from an authoritative point. The change will be made on July 1. The firm already own an interest in the company operating the steamer City of Seattle. Both steamers will be continued on the routes they are now on, the Seattle running to Alaska and the Kingston remaining on the Victoria-Tacoma route. Messrs. Dowdell & Co. are among the biggest shipping firms in the east, and they are now securing many interests on this side of the Pacific.

THE "TOPEKA" COMES HOME.

Supposed Total Wreck Arrives Under Her Own Steam for Docking and Repair.

The steamer Amur on her arrival yesterday created quite a little ripple of excitement by her report that the wrecked steamer City of Topeka was following close behind and would probably enter Esquimalt dock before evening. Hotels, hotel busses and reporters hurried to the outer wharf, where it was announced she would tie up before going into dock—only to be disappointed, for the Topeka did not find her way to Victoria. As it was only a few hours' steaming out of port that the Amur last saw the damaged craft, it is to be taken for granted that her owners' original intentions will be carried out, and repairs be made in the Quartermaster harbor dock. It certainly is a big feather in the cap of the Topeka's commander that he has been able without assistance to float and bring home his steamer, after she had been practically declared a total wreck by insurance men as well as by the people of the owning company.

MARINE NOTES.

Bark Oregon is reported chartered to load at Comox for St. Michaels.

Steamer Cottage City will leave for Alaskan ports early this morning.

British ship Leverburgh left for Tacoma yesterday to load grain for Australia.

The Quadra is again out of dock and will leave on a cruise in the gulf. Her place on the blocks has been taken by H. M. S. Amphion.

Steamer Oscar, which left with a load of old steel and iron for Tacoma a few days ago, will return to-day with a cargo of naphtha. Among her cargo of old iron were nearly 20 tons of horse shoes.

Among the big ocean liners en route to Victoria are the Empress of China, which is due here from Yokohama on the 25th inst.; the Athenian, which is due from the Orient on Tuesday, and the Aorangi, which is due from Australasia on Wednesday. The Empress of Japan sails onward on Monday.

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BIG FIRE IN CLEVELAND.
Property Loss Three-Quarters of a Million—Many Lives in Danger.

Cleveland, April 15.—The immense wholesale millinery establishment of Hart & Co., occupying an entire block from Bank to Academy streets, was burned to-day, being totally destroyed, though twenty engines, a water-tower and two fire-boxes threw a deluge of water into it. The fire originated in the four-story brick building occupied by Comey & Johnson, hat manufacturers, and spread with lightning rapidity throughout the entire structure and to the adjoining brick block occupied by Hart & Co., wholesale milliners, and several other firms. Both buildings were crowded with hundreds of girls. Many of them were carried down fire escapes by firemen. About a dozen men were cut off from escape in the Hart building and ran to the roof and began to cry for assistance. The crowd below looked on, begging the unfortunate to wait for ladders. The firemen eventually succeeded in getting all safely to the ground. Harry Hyket was burned about the face and head, condition critical; and R. J. Rockert and three unknown men badly burned; while several firemen were slightly scorched.

The flames spread to the Franklin block, occupied by Reed Bros. & Co., wholesale millinery, and P. Black & Co., manufacturers of ladies' cloaks. The firemen succeeded in saving this building, but the loss on stock from smoke and water will be heavy. After two and a half hours the fire was brought under control. The total loss is estimated at from \$600,000 to \$700,000, partially covered by insurance.

KILLED IN AVALANCHE.

Snowplough Dashed a Thousand Feet Down Canyon—Several of the Crew Escape.

Wellington, Wash., April 14.—At 1:30 o'clock this afternoon the rotary which was going to Madison, clearing the track for a Great Northern freight train, was struck by a big avalanche and dashed a thousand feet down the canyon on the rocks. At the time of the accident there were seven extra men on the rotary, in addition to the regular crew.

Supt. Andrews, of the tunnel, immediately dispatched a shift of men from the tunnel to dig out the injured men, and now one hundred and seventy-five men are at the scene of the wreck.

Conductor Quinlan expects to have the track cleared within twelve hours.

The killed and injured were as follows: George Hart—Both legs and jaw broken; injured internally; will die.

Axle Lundgreen—Injured internally; will die.

Jerry Moriarity—Head cut; injured internally.

Fireman Thomas Grant—Head and hand cut.

George Adams—Hand and hip broken; Thomas Sullivan—Injured internally. All the injured have been sent to Everett and Seattle on a special train, in care of Dr. A. V. Marion, of Wellington.

The rotary which was struck was rotary No. 1, and belongs on the Spokane Falls & Northern. She is totally demolished.

BRYAN'S DOLLAR DINNER.

Three Thousand Persons Participate in Thus Booming the Silver Candidate.

New York, April 15.—The "dollar dinner" given by those members of the Democratic party who favor the candidacy of W. J. Bryan for president at the Grand Central Palace to-night in point of numbers was one of the biggest affairs ever held in this city. Nearly 3,000 men and women sat down at long tables in the various rooms. There were all kinds of people there, dressed in all kinds of clothes. White men elbowled with colored men, and white women with colored women. There were four Japanese and three Chinese present, and the Chinese were merely spectators and sat in the second gallery. They said they had come to see Bryan.

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A THREAT AT JAMAICA.

United States Will Cripple Her Trade if New Tariff Takes Effect.

Kingston, Jamaica, April 15.—Considerable apprehension has been occasioned here by the announcement that the American government has notified the governor, Sir Augustus Hemming, that the proposed tariff threatens to operate against American trade, and in the event of its passage retaliatory provisions will be adopted against Jamaica.

The newspapers of the island regard this notification as a threat to involve the colony in financial and commercial ruin, in view of the Cuban and Porto Rican industrial competition.

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Some Coming Attractions.

Stuart Robson and a Strong Company Billed for Thursday Evening.

"Ian Maclaren" for the Following Week—Primrose's Minstrels.

The big theatrical attraction of the coming week is Stuart Robson, in his brand new comedy, "The Meddler." Added interest in Mr. Robson's forthcoming engagement has unquestionably been aroused by the announcement of the splendid company he brings as his support, and the forecast that Mr. Robson will be vouchsafed a brilliant audience on Thursday evening is in order.

Augustus Thomas, who wrote "The Meddler," has not supplied a very intricate plot, it being confined to the tendencies of one Francis Eli for prying into and interfering with the affairs of his friends to such an extent that the turmoil he creates finally engulfs himself. It is the bright and epigrammatic lines and laughable situations which Mr. Thomas has devised that has undoubtedly enhanced the value of the author's plot, and its evolution at the hands of Mr. Robson and his artistic companions forms many complicated and laughable scenes.

Stuart Robson will be seen as Francis Eli in "The Meddler," who is everybody's friend and his own worst enemy, while the names of the players who will assist him include Mrs. Stuart Robson, Gertrude Perry, Ida Van Cortland, Mabel Strickland, Frank C. Bangs, Willard Curtis, Harold Russell, Edwin Holt, and Marie Burroughs.

Mrs. Burroughs, whose admirable art and beautiful personality have been frequently demonstrated to the satisfaction of her myriad of admirers in the past, was last seen as a star at the head of her own organization, a production of A. W. Phenix's "The Professor." Prior to that time she was the leading feminine support to E. S. Willard, and much of the success attained by that English actor in this country was unquestionably due to Miss Burroughs' artistic portrayal of the several roles entrusted to her.

The art of the fashionable modistes is very much in evidence in plays being exploited at the present time, and "The Meddler" is no exception. All the lady members of Mr. Robson's company are in possession of beautiful gowns, which invariably call forth exclamations of delight from the feminine portion of an audience, as well as attracting attention from the writers of feminine fancy in fashionable modes, who have devoted much space to their description.

Stuart Robson will present "The Meddler" here with the same care and attention to detail which characterized its presentation at Wilshire's theatre, New York city, where it had its premier last September.

The prices have been fixed at \$1.50 for the entire lower floor, \$1 for the entire balcony, and 50 cents for the gallery. This is probably the strongest attraction of its kind that has ever visited Victoria, and the prices mentioned are those charged everywhere. The sale of seats opens at 9 o'clock on Tuesday morning.

On the following Thursday, April 27, there comes to the Victoria theatre the Rev. John Watson, D. D., "Ian Maclaren," who is making his second lecturing tour of America under the direction of Major James B. Pond, who has introduced so many brilliant men to the public from the lecture platform. In the fall of 1896 he made a tour of 12 weeks, visiting all the Eastern cities. During that time he gave 112 readings, four sermons, and nine "Yale Lectures on Preaching" in the Lyman Beecher course in Yale college. Crowded houses greeted "Ian Maclaren" everywhere, and so great was the demand that he was obliged to give two entertainments a day most of the time, and during the last two weeks of his stay he spoke 15 times a week. Invariably the receipts were the full capacity of the auditoriums where he appeared. Major Pond declares that during the period of the tour he saw more happy faces than any other man was ever privy to see in that length of time. Great throngs sitting in breathless suspense, in laughter and tears during the hour and a half of each performance—not tears of sorrow, but like sunshine making the rain radiate. The subject of the distinguished author's lecture in this city will be "Readings From the Annals of Drunkenness." * * *

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AURICULAR CONFSSION.

Opinion of Leading Church Laymen on This Now Agitated Subject.

From the Illustrated Church News. The interest aroused in the question of the extent to which the practice of private confession to a priest is carried on in the Church of England, which recently led to a brief discussion of the subject in the House of Lords (on the motion of Lord Kilnaird for the removal of all Anglican churches in which confession boxes had been erected), gives special importance to the interesting array of opinion which we have collected from leading laymen of different schools of thought.

Among those whose opinion was asked, and who have not replied, may be mentioned: Viscount Halifax, Lord Harrowby, the Hon. W. F. Smith, Sir William Harcourt, Sir John Kenaway and Mr. G. W. M. Russell.

The same series of five questions was asked in each case: (1) If private or auricular confessions should be considered an essential part of the teachings of the Church of England; (2) if it is regarded as obligatory upon church people, and, if so, to what extent, and when; (3) whether, if not obligatory, it is permissible and under what conditions; (4) if it is taught, condemned, ignored or insisted upon as a condition precedent to confirmation; (5) if, when practised voluntarily, it would be considered a help to spiritual growth. The questions were sent to lay members of the Church of England, and not to bishops or clergy; and the replies were in each case written out and signed by those whose opinions are given.

Lord Salisbury, the Lord Chancellor, Mr. A. J. Balfour, Lord Cross and other members of the cabinet, have so recently had occasion to give utterance to their views in parliament and elsewhere, that our readers will appreciate their unwillingness to add to these expressions of opinion. Several of their letters being marked private, we are unable to comment further.

The Earl of Stamford, who is a licensed reader in the diocese of London, and is actively associated with the work of the S.P.C., the A.C.S., the Church Building Society and other church organizations, says of auricular confession that "it is certainly allowed in the Church of England." He does not consider it obligatory upon church people, but writes: "It is in my opinion permissible under the conditions stated in the order of the administration of the Lord's Supper, and for the visitation of the sick." Replying to the question as to the "pulpit" references to the subject, he says: "I have no special experience on these points;" and, asked if he regards auricular confession, practised voluntarily, as a help to spiritual growth, his answer is: "I believe that in many cases, though not universally, it may be."

Sir Richard Temple, who is famed for the success of his long administrative work in India, for his parliamentary career, and for his financial guidance on the London school board, no less than as an author, and as one of the outstanding members of the house of laymen for the province of Canterbury, does not consider auricular confession to be an essential part of the church's teaching, and "not obligatory at all" upon church people. Asked if he considered it permissible, he replies: "Better if possible be avoided altogether; the cases of its being permissible must be very rare and exceptional." In answer to the question as to whether, in his experience, the subject is taught, condemned, ignored or insisted on by the clergy, in the pulpit or elsewhere, he says: "Not in my personal experience, as I do not attend ritualistic churches or services." Sir Richard does not consider it, when practised voluntarily, a help to spiritual growth. His words are: "No, I am against it. I believe it to be weakening to the religious and spiritual character, however practised."

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Mr. Eugene Stock, the indefatigable editorial secretary of the Church Missionary Society, and a member of the house of laymen, whose opinions on church matters are well known, has given his views fully. In answer to the question as to whether he regards auricular confession as an essential part of the church's teaching, and as obligatory upon church people, he writes: "Certainly not. There is no allusion in the prayer-book to anything of the kind, save in the one exceptional and carefully guarded case of the visita-

tion of the sick. The words in the exhortation of the communion service do not mention either confession or absolution. To 'open one's grief' and to receive 'comfort and counsel' are totally different; and this practice is quite common among people who utterly abhor anything like sacramental confession or priestly absolution." Asked if he considers it permissible, and under what conditions, he says: "It should be discouraged to the utmost. Whether it can be prohibited, or whether any prohibition can be enforced, I do not know. I believe in moral suasion in religious matters, not in compulsion." Mr. Eugene Stock states that, within his experience, auricular confession is taught, condemned and ignored by the clergy. As to being forced on candidates for confirmation, he says: "I do not know this from personal knowledge, but I believe it is not denied." In reply to the question as to whether he considers it, when voluntarily practised, a help to spiritual growth, he writes: "Not the auricular confession referred to; but the 'opening of grief' to a discreet minister" contemplated by the prayer-book is most valuable."

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COUNCIL BUSINESS.

Notices of Motion for Monday Evening's Meeting of the Aldermen.

There are three notices appearing on the city's bulletin board of business to be brought before the aldermanic board at its meeting to-morrow evening, the first of these being for the purpose of introducing the necessary by-law for the consolidation of the civic levee. A second resolution, standing also in Ald. Hayward's name, provides for the laying of permanent concrete sidewalks on both sides of Government street, between Johnson and Courtney, wherever private enterprise has not already provided good permanent sidewalks—this new improvement being undertaken by day labor. The third notice is by Ald. Klusman, and reads as follows: "Whereas the summary compulsion of owners of property along the line of or within 150 feet of a public sewer, to connect with such sewer, will necessitate the expenditure in a number of instances of a large sum of money, which added to the ordinary taxes will be greater than the income derivable therefrom for upwards of a year or more; and whereas it is a well known and fundamental principle of municipal government, that the powers conferred upon a municipality should not be exercised in an arbitrary manner, or in such way as to work hardship to any portion of the ratepayers, unless absolutely necessary for the safety and protection of all; and whereas the property owners are already required to pay the sewer rental tax as if their property was connected with the public sewer; therefore be it resolved, that the payment of the said tax on the part of the said property owners be considered hereafter as making valid property owners from making sewer connections until such time as the council shall, under the provisions of subsection 10, and 17 of section 245 of the Municipal Clauses act, make such house connections under the local improvement plan, providing an option to the owners of property of paying full amount of cost of such connections, down or by equal yearly instalments extending over a term of years. The properties in question to be subject in the meantime to regular sanitary inspection."

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THE WEATHER.

Meteorological Office,
Victoria, April 15-8 p.m.

SYNOPSIS.

Since last night a low barometer area has moved rapidly eastward from the Pacific to Cariboo, and has caused showers over Western British Columbia. High pressure, accompanied by fair weather, is approaching from the southward, which may spread over this province during the next thirty-six hours. The weather remains fair and has become decidedly mild from the Cascades to Manitoba.

TEMPERATURES.

	Min.	Max.
Victoria	44	52
New Westminster	42	50
Kamloops	42	50
Barkerville	30	50
Quesnel	20	52
Winnipeg	26	48
Portland, Ore.	44	64
San Francisco, Cal.	48	54

FORECASTS

For 24 hours from 5 a.m. (Pacific time)
Sunday:

Victoria and Vicinity—Fresh westerly winds; gradually clearing and cool; probably fair, with higher temperature Monday.

Lower Mainland—Fresh westerly winds; gradually clearing; probably fair, with higher temperature Monday.

VICTORIA DAILY RECORD.

Report for 24 hours ending 5 p.m. Observations taken daily at 5 a.m., noon and 6 p.m.

SATURDAY, April 15.

Deg. Deg.
5 a.m. 44 Mean. 48
Noon. 48 Highest. 52
5 p.m. 47 Lowest. 44

The velocity and direction of the wind were as follows:

5 a.m. Calm.
Noon. 5 miles east.
5 p.m. 10 miles west.

Average state of weather—Cloudy.

Rain—10 inches.

Barometer at noon—Observed. 29.905
Corrected. 29.918

E. BAYNES REED,

Provincial Forecast Official.

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Grand Jury's Presentment.

Many Important Matters Brought to Attention of Presiding Judge.

Necessity of Fire Protection at Schools—Reformatory Improvements.

The assize court met at ten yesterday morning, and the grand jury made their presentment to Mr. Justice Martin. The presentment follows:

Victoria, April 15, 1899.

To the Honorable Archer Martin, Presiding Justice.

Your Lordship,—The grand jury desire to congratulate Your Lordship on this the first occasion of your presiding at an assize in the city of Victoria. They express satisfaction at the light calendar presented for their consideration.

Presentments upon public matters usually addressed to the presiding Justice often produce but little good; consequently it is with great diffidence that this grand jury submits its views for your consideration and subsequent action by those in power.

Our reason for making this presentment is that we conceive it to be strictly in the line of our duty, and in the hope that greater attention may be given to this by those in authority than has been accorded to the excellent presentation of the last grand jury.

FIRE PROTECTION.

There have lately been so many fires in large cities, with disastrous loss of life and property, that it would seem to be a matter of public advantage that all institutions, such as hospitals, asylums, schools, hotels and such other buildings as may be used by numbers of persons, should be regularly inspected; and that it would be an advantage if some qualified person, having authoritative power, should be instructed by the government to issue certificates specifying that all reasonable safeguards had been adopted.

In this connection we submit the following reports from sub-committees of this grand jury, which were approved and adopted:

"The committee, with Chief Engineer Deasy, visited the North Ward school, and were courteously received by Principal A. B. McNeill. We find that there is no fire escape fixed to the outside of said building. This appears to be a serious violation of the law, which enacts that all buildings over two stories high shall be so provided.

"The means of exit in case of fire from the first and second stories of the said building are reasonably good; but we consider the facilities for escape, in the event of fire, from the third story should be improved, and demands immediate attention. We further consider that measures for protection against fire in the boiler room could be much improved.

"We next visited the Central school and found the entrance to and from the boys' department, both on the first and second floors, satisfactory. Also the girls' department on the first floor, but the means of exit from the second floor of the girls' department are unsatisfactory. In case of fire, many of the children, from fire or other cause might result in loss of life. We consider the wooden roofing of the boiler room a source of danger, and should be remedied by replacing with an iron roof.

(Signed) "A. WILLIAMS,
S. SEA, JR."

The sub-committee appointed to visit and inspect the Provincial Royal Jubilee Hospital reported as follows:

"We this day visited the above-named institution and after inspecting the various buildings in company with the resident medical health officer, Dr. Hasell, found them to be in perfect order; but in view of the danger of fire to the staff, a large number of whom reside in the upper story of the administrative building, and to the inmates of the wards of the hospital, we would strongly recommend that all the wooden shingle roofs be covered with metallic shingles; also that two stationary iron ladders be supplied to allow the inmates of the story of the main building to more readily escape in case of fire. Also that the doors separating the various one-story buildings be sheathed with iron, and in addition to the same that the transom in the corridors be covered in a similar manner, thereby preventing fire from spreading rapidly from one section of the hospital to another, and so affording more security to patients.

"Apart from these suggestions, we find the fire protection very satisfactory.

(Signed) "HENRY CROFT,
C. E. DICKINSON."

Our attention having been drawn to more than one case where a summons would have answered every purpose, we submit that more discretion should be exercised by magistrates and justices of the peace in issuing warrants for the arrest of reputable persons.

When the committee visited the provincial gaol they were courteously received by

Mr. John, the warden, and every facility afforded them for inspection.

This institution was found to be scrupulously clean and in excellent order.

The same committee, accompanied by Mr. John, visited the "reformatory," which forms part of the gaol building; but found the caretaker absent and the front door locked. At the request of the committee, who assumed all responsibility for Mr. John's act—they were admitted to this part of the building. They found the cells locked and six little boyish faces peering out through the iron bars, whose ages ranged from 12 to 15 years, each in separate cells, like hardened criminals. Upon being questioned, they stated that they had been thus confined for four hours—from 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., when the visit was made. There seems to be only one man in charge, who certainly cannot be expected to be continuously on duty.

The reformatory is one only in name, being a place of punishment instead of reformation. It is an institution conducted on the same lines as a gaol, but with less liberty to its inmates. The grand jury of November last pointed this out very clearly, and we find no change has been made for the better during the interim.

These boys should not be treated as criminals, but should be cared for in a separate building, with different surroundings. They should have larger quarters, and should not be confined in cells. There should be at least one person always in charge. There should be a better system of education, and the boys should be supplied with good, healthy, instructive reading matter, and be taught a trade, or given useful employment.

We are of opinion that, if these boys are not better cared for, these waifs and strays may some day—if charged with the commission of some grave offence—give answer to the words of the criminal who said: "I never had a chance." We believe that most, if not all, of these boys if given proper opportunity can be made good citizens. The grand jury as a unit feels strongly on this subject, and would request our Lordship's official as well as personal assistance in giving effect to this portion of our presentment.

We have to acknowledge the prompt attention and courtesy shown by the Crown prosecutor and the officers of the Crown when called upon.

All of which is submitted on behalf of the grand jury,

JOSHUA DAVIES, Foreman.

Your Lordship,—As supplementary, we wish to state that the grand jury have had the following subjects under discussion:

(a.) The safety of bridges, having been fully treated by the last grand jury, we would urge that attention should be given to this subject.

(b.) The enactment of a stringent law compelling all bleydes and vehicles having rubber tires to carry lighted lamps at night.

(c.) The safety of buildings and their inspection.

(d.) The destruction of obsolete buildings.

(e.) The sanitation of the Chinese quarter and other portions of the city.

(f.) The necessity of all persons using approved Eastern pipes where sewerage is allowed to enter.

All of these and other subjects were considered of more or less importance, but it was deemed better that the greater causes of danger should be taken up and commented upon, and the lesser ones, by being merely mentioned, would probably receive attention by the press and governing bodies.

However, much importance may be attached to the presentments of grand juries in a theoretical sense, it is regrettable fact that there is a tendency to regard the duties of grand juries as being merely of a perfunctory nature, and if the suggestions and recommendations of grand juries are not accorded prompt attention, then the time of those who are engaged in important business matters should not be consumed without any good ends being accomplished.

(Signed) JOSHUA DAVIES, Foreman.

Mr. Justice Martin thanked the jury for their kindly reference to himself, and he promised that their recommendations would be laid before the proper authorities.

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Although a very busy man, Dr. R. V. Pierce, of Buffalo, N. Y., has found time in which to write a great book of over a thousand pages, entitled, "The People's Common Sense Medical Adviser, in plain English, or Medicine Simplified." Few books printed in the English language have reached so great a sale as has this popular work, over 680,000 copies having been sold at \$1.00 each. The profits on this enormous sale having repaid its author for the great amount of labor and money expended on its publication, he has now decided to give away, absolutely free, 500,000 copies of this valuable book, the recipient only being required to mail to the World's Dispensary Medical Association of Buffalo, N. Y., of which company he is president, 31 one-cent stamps, to cover cost of mailing only, and the book will be sent postage paid. It is a veritable medical library, complete in one volume. It contains 1008 pages and over 300 illustrations, some of them in colors. The Free Edition is precisely the same as that sold at \$1.00, except only that the books are bound in strong manilla paper covers, instead of cloth. It is not often that our readers have an opportunity to obtain a valuable book on such generous terms, and we predict that few will miss availing themselves of the unusual and liberal offer to which we have called their attention.

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TRADE OF THE WEEK.

Local Reports Among the Best in the Satisfactory Canadian Record.

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New York, April 14.—Dun's Review says: Canadian reports for the week show no important change in conditions of business, though owing to more favorable weather on the whole trade has improved. At St. John trade is very fair in groceries and good in dry goods and clothing, with increased business in builders' materials, and fishing supplies. Spring trade is stimulated by favorable prospects, though collections continue slow. Weather conditions at Quebec are rather unfavorable in the city for trade and collections. Country roads about Montreal are unsettled, and some lines of business are hardly as active as they should be, but the general business tone is satisfactory and failures are unimportant. Seasonable weather at Toronto has helped the sorting up trade. Builders' supplies are in active demand, manufacturers are busy and prices are firm. There is a good demand in groceries and dry goods at Hamilton, with metals active and collections fair. Jobbers in groceries, dry goods and boots and shoes trade steadily increases, though collections are only fair.

Trade at Vancouver is unchanged, but Northern shipments continue active, with regular business averaging well. Builders' operations are quite brisk and collections are easy. Trade at Victoria is in healthy condition, with collections very good.

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